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Our Case No. 11867/12

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application	of:	)
Thomas et al.		) )
Serial No. 10/022	,016	) Examiner Pickett
Filing Date: Dece	mber 13, 2001	) Group Art Unit No. 3728
CONTAIN	CIGARETTE ER AND METHOD OF NG CIGARETTES	<b>)</b>

## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir.

In reply to the Office Action dated December 30, 2003, Applicants have timely filed this Amendment by Certificate of Facsimile Transmission. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the objections and rejections to this application and to grant allowance of this Application in view of the following remarks and amended claims.

Please amend this application as follows:

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.